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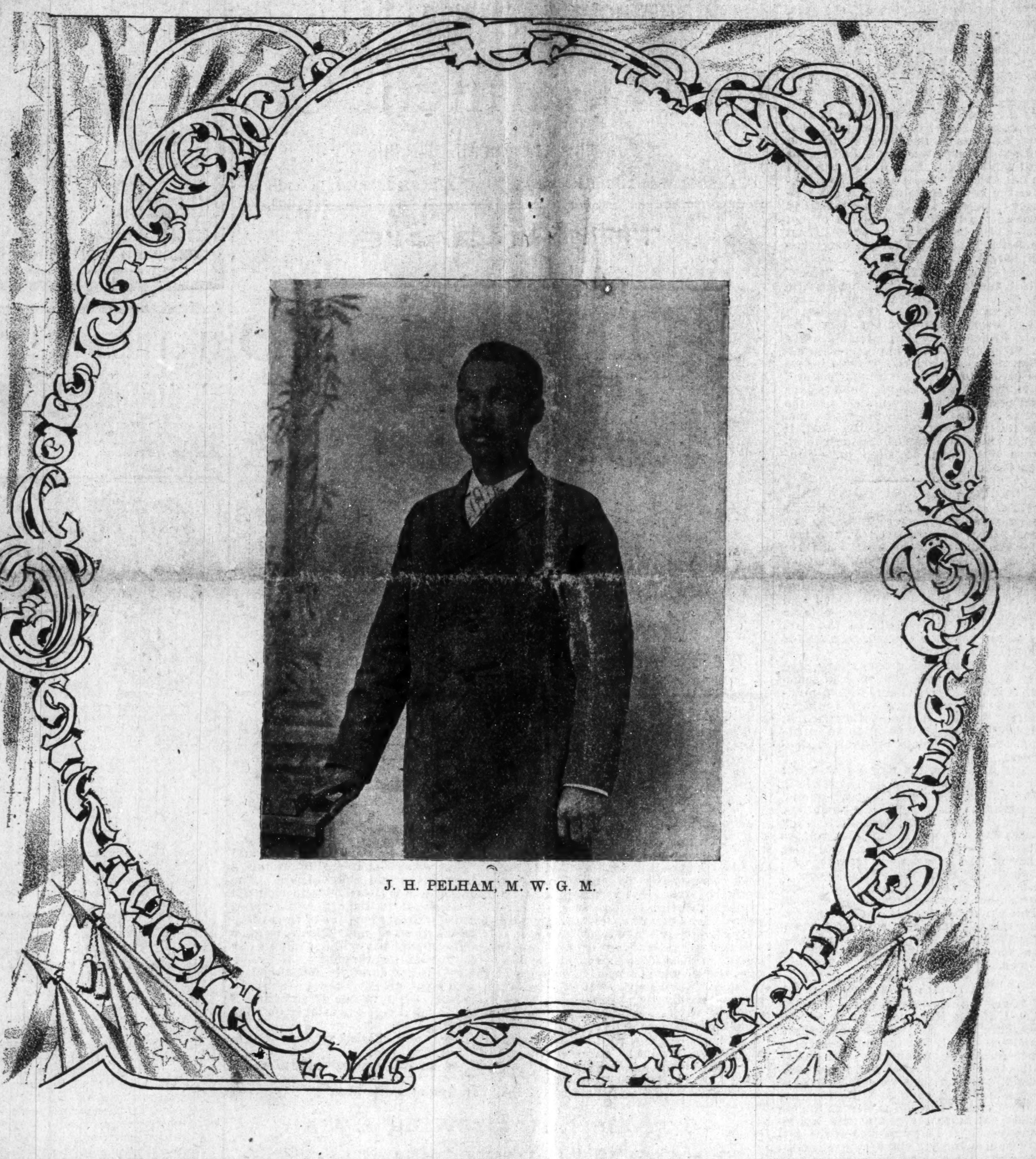
GEM CITY NOTES

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS WERE INVITING

"THIRTY YEARS OF FREEDOM"

A Realistic Drama to Be Given in the Near Future--An Excellent Program by the A. M. E. Sunday-School.

Frankfort, Ind., Special.—Mr. Artist and daughter, of Peru, Ind., were in the Gem City spending Christmas with Mrs. Frank Linsey. Miss S. Lirchy Powell gave a piano recital at Paris' store Christmas week. Mr. Dunn, of Toledo spent Christmas in the Gem City. The A. M. E. Sunday school had a Christmas tree Monday night. An evening of enjoyment was pleasantly passed away. The following program was rendered by the member of the Sunday school: Song, infant class; recitation, Lettie Parker; recitation, Cecil Powell; Reading Bertha Valentine; duet, Ruth Harper and Lettie Parker; recitation, Ester Harper; Song, Fanell Valentine; recitation, Ruth Harper; recitation, Sadie Kersey; trio. Pete Parker, Archie Harper and Edward Linsey; recitations, R. L. Kersey, Jr.; Willie Valentine and Edward Linsey. Song by infant class; essay. Miss Anna Powell; conclusion, an address to the audience by J. D. Kersey, Supt. The A. M. E. church gave their annual church fair Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The church was highly decorated with cedar, bunting and flags. Various articles that were sold at Miss Parker's and Mrs. Linsey's booths took the gazer's eyes. The amount taken in by the fair was $15. Sunday school was well attended Sunday. Teachers meeting Monday night. Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 6:30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday night, all members are expected to come. Sunday school promptly at 2:30 J. D. Kersey, Supt. Rev. J. H. Johnson preached an inspiring sermon on "Royal Brothers" Sunday night. Members of the A. M. E. Sunday school received beautiful buttons Christmas night for three months attendance. Mrs. Martha Mitchell and son John, spent Christmas in Frankfort. Mr. Linsey Smith of Thorntown spent Christmas in the city. Mrs. Robert Flaming gave a Christmas dinner in honor of Miss Emma Harper and Mr. Elroy Cummings. Mrs. Joe Parker and Mrs. Cummings gave a dinner in honor of their friends. Mrs. Ida Mitchell has returned from Crawfordsville. Mr. William Hope, of Terre Haute, Ind., was in Frankfort spending Christmas. Mr. John Morgan, of Michigantown, was in the city Saturday. Mrs. Jennie Powell, and daughters Pearl and Maryetta, of Lafayette, Ind., were the guest of Mrs. R. N. Powell during the holidays. The Busy Bee's club gave their Christmas exercises Tuesday night. The following program was rendered, song by club; recitation Pete Parker; song by "Lovely Star Quartette;" recitations by Miss Anna Powell and Miss Blanch Clark; song by Miss Emma Harper; song by quartette. On Wednesday night Dec. 27, the church fair gave their program at which an evening of enjoyment was spent. Song; recitation, William I. Transon; song, Miss Pearl Powell; address, Dr. Hill; recitation, Jennie Idle; recitation Mr. Forrest Mitchell; solo by Mr. Roy Harper; a search for the hen's nest. Rev. J. W. Harper, pastor of A. M. E. church at Princeton, Ind., spent Christmas with his family. Mrs. Martha Weaver is better. Mrs. David Valentine is able to be out. Some of Rev. J. W. Harper's family were on the sick list last week. Mr. Albert Idle gave a concert at the Frazer school house Thursday night. Many people attended. The concert company, "Thirty Years of Freedom" rehearsal Thursday night. Subscribe for The Freeman now look! A thirty days holiday offer, The Freeman for one dollar beginning with Dec. 23. Mr. Edward Harper spent New Years in the Gem City. Mrs. Bettie Weaver of Indianapolis is in the city.



J. H. PELHAM, M. W. G. M.

Newport News Jottings.

Newport News. Va., Special.—The arrival of the Texas in this city bringing the bodies that were killed at the distruction of the Battleship Maine, caused sadness in many hearts. The bodies were transfered from the battleship to a lighter, thence to a special train of baggage cars and one coach by which they were conveyed to Arlington their final resting place. The Princess Anna Club boys of the Old Dominion Line gave a grand entertainment last week at Lookens' Hall. The Cloristal Club gave an enjoyable social in this city last week at the residence of Miss E. A. Courtney, 954 Hampton avenue. John Honby Cat, the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Honby Cat, was drowned on the 26th inst. He leaves a mother, a father and many friends to mourn his loss; funeral services were held at the Christian church at 2 p. m., by Rev. S. A. Howell, pastor. There was a terrible tragedy committed here last week. Three Jews who were watching their store and about 1 o'clock a. m., shot and killed a colored boy who they claim was burglarizing it at the same time rumor has it that these Jews killed the boy and dragged him in the store. The colored people here became much infuriated and made many threats regarding the matter. Another Jew soon after shot John Harper and John Cross, but not fatally.

News in General.

Muncie, Ind., Special—Services were held at both the churches Sunday with good attendance. Sunday afternoon at the Second Baptist church at 3 o'clock the Eastern Star, had their annual sermon preached by the Rev. D. S. Slaughter the minister preached an eloquent sermon. Mrs. Martha White, royal matron, read an interesting essay and Mrs. Slaughter P. G. M. of Kentucky made an interesting speech. Every one enjoyed the services and especially the sermon by Rev. Slaughter. Mrs. Mannie Wilson, of Yellow Springs, O., is visiting her cousin Miss Liddie Frazier of W. Main street. Mrs. G. W. Campbell is on the sick list at her home on E. Seymour street. Mrs. Marticcia White is reported some better. Mrs. Harry Adams is some better Mr. Williams Houge and Miss Sallie Brooks were married by Rev. D. S. Slaughter, Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents on E. Kirby avenue.

News Notices.

Greencastle, Ind., Special.—Mr. Irving Dickens of Red Key, is visiting homefolks for a few weeks. Mrs. Dennis Jones and daughter, Rev. J. H. Henry and son and Miss Odems of Terre Haute attended the concert given at Hinton Chapel church Dec. 26. Miss Mary D. Elmore spent a few days with friends in Plainfield last week. Mrs. Myrtle Smith entertained friends Thursday evening, Dec. 28. Mrs. John Balling of Muncie, spent a few days with friends last week. Mrs. J. W. Cain has returned from Indianapolis after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Saunders. The holiday number of The Freeman was all O. K. They went like "hot cakes," both white and colored spoke well of the issue. Rev. R. D. Leonard of Indianapolis, preached at St. Paul Baptist church last Sunday. Mrs. William Case is reported some better this week. A New Year's tree was given at St. Paul's Baptist church New Year's evening which was well attended. On entering our city, don't fail to call at Rascol's Place on South Jackson street opposite the Central National Bank.

Everybody's Magazine.

The conductors of Everybody's Magazine are evidently endeavoring to give their readers a bountiful ten cents' worth. The contents for the January number include seven complete short stories, eight special articles on subjects of current interest or profitable instruction, a little poetry, a little fun, a curiosity page in photographs, some book buying hints and a hundred and thirty-two illustrations.

The first story, "The Twenty-Seventh Letter of the Alphabet," is a breezy tale by Lucy Cleveland. It has a mystery—what is the twenty-seventh letter of the alphabet? The story is left unfinished, and the editor offers you a hundred dollars for a final paragraph that shall complete it and explain the problem.

An interesting account of the new East river bridge, now building, is given in "The Greatest Bridge on Earth." Those who lived through the civil war and many who have been born since it was over will be interested in the acount, from an officer of the secret service, on "How the Northwest was Saved." The stories are all of the interesting, bright, vigorous sort, that grip your attention instantly and hold it to the end—such stories as Everybody's Magazine is making a specialty of.

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On June 4, 1875, J. H. Pelham was initiated in Mount Pavan Lodge No. 4 at Detroit Michigan. He was elected Master of Central Star Lodge at Eolia Missouri in 1879, The Board of Masonic Relief selected him as their 1st secretary in 1881. In 1883 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at St. Joseph, Missouri and he served until 1884 at which time he was elected Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri.

He has served continuously as Grand Master ever since. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1880. In 1883 he was elected Grand High Priest and filled the office for two years. He organized sixteen new chapters. Sir Knight Pelham was Captain General of Eureka Commandery for seven years during which time the Commandery captured seven prizes in competitive drills. He served in the office in the positions of Captain General of Grand Commandery, Delegate to Triennial Conclave at Cincinnati in 1884 and was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri for two terms. Grand Master J. H. Pelham is at present principle of the Douglass High School at Hannibal, Mo., where he has taught twenty-four years.

Interesting Notes.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special—Mrs. Curtis Gunn and Miss Laura Dudley both of this city went to Indianapolis last Saturday. They will no doubt stay until 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Orange Sneed came here from Indianapolis Sunday. Mr. Sneed returned last Tuesday. Mrs. Sneed will remain awhile. The U. B. F. and S. M. T. gave a social at their hall recently. Ines Stafford and Wm. Hill are now agents for The Sun. Mrs. Edward F. Baty, of Indianapolis, was in our city last Monday. The public schools closed for holidays. Rev. Chas. Hazlewood and wife, two daughters Eva and Lillie of Indianapolis came down Sunday and remained over Christmas. Miss Minnie Miller, of Edinburg, is yet in the city. Miss Miller is the daughter of the Rev. J. R. Miller. Mr. Rufus Morgan was in our city Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Montgomery returned from Indianapolis last Sunday. Mr. G. Robert Reed spent Christmas in Indianapolis. Mr. Norbin Johnson left Christmas morning for Indianapolis, from which city he will leave for a ten days visit to Vincennes. Subscribe for The Freeman.

Officers Elected--Church Doings.

Louisville, Ky., Special. — Southern Cross Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., held its election of officers which resulted as follows: Benjamin Harris, W. M.; Graim West, S. W.; J. J. Jackson, J. W.; William Johnson, Secretary; A. D. Black, Treasurer; Andrew May, S. D.; A. Minnes, J. D.; W. L. Blackwith, Tyler; G. Brooks, P. S.; William Scott, J. S. At Quinn Chapel last Sunday, the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. Simes of St. James church preached and there was a glorious meeting; Rev. Dr. T. A. Thompson, pastor, was pleased to see so many present from the sister churches. Rev. J. W. Luckett, pastor of Centre-street church, filled the eyes and hearts of the large audiance. Sunday evening his text: "Take up thy cross and follow Me."—Matt. xvi. 24. Next Sunday will be Lord's day at Rev. Luckett's church, Quinn Chapel choir will furnish music; all ministers and their congregations are cordially invited.

DREAMS MAKE ONE FAT.

Nervous or Mental Maladies Cured by Them.

An English physician claims to have discovered a new and efficacious cure for persons afflicted with nervous or mental maladies. If such persons, he says, can only procure pleasant dreams, they will soon regain their health, and his aim is, therefore, to furnish them with delightful dreams.

For this purpose he uses a soft leather cap, which covers the patient's head and ears, and leaves only the face uncovered. Beside the ears are placed two metal plates, which are joined by a rubber tube to a phonograph. The patient rests on a divan in a dark room and in front of him is a sort of magic lantern, from which are projected at brief intervals various enjoyable pictures. In this way, it is claimed, the eyes of the sick person are delighted, while at the same time his ears are soothed by the vibrations of the phonograph.

As a result, weariness comes upon him and is soon followed by slumber, and it is while he is dozing in this manner that happy dreams are evoked, thanks to the phonograph and the stereopticon. After this light slumber comes a deep sleep, which, we are assured, is always most beneficial.

Several tests of this kind have been made with success, and it is said that not only are tired nerves refreshed by this method, but that the patient's body also rapidly increases in weight. That pleasant sounds and sights are soothing to the nerves we have all known for a long time, but that pleasant dreams have a tendency to make persons fat will certainly be news to the general public.—Exchange.

The Treating Custom in Haiti.

Of course there is in Haiti a small circle of native-born creoles, who are naturally born ladies and gentlemen, exquisite in their courtly manners and most desirable as friends. Then the white men who are living there, as I have already mentioned, are characters. If they take a liking to you, all they have or can capture is yours. The following will illustrate this characteristic:

'Mine host and a friend were walking through the leading thoroughfare of one of the towns, when the friend suddenly came to a standstill, and placing his long nervous index finger on mine host's breast, remarked:

"My dear boy, in here they make the best cocktails in Haiti. I have spent three fortunes in assuring myself of the truth of this. Let's go in and try one."

There was a prompt adjournment from the pathwalk to the interior of the building, a few minutes of delightful, expectant silence as the ingredients were shaken together, a mutual bow, followed by disappearance of the liquids.

Friend—How do you like that?

Mine Host—Delicious!

Friend—Let us have another.

Mine Host—Certainly, only this second one is on me.

Friend—Make no mistake, my boy; they are both on you. I've no money.

It is the unexpected that happens—especially in Haiti the unknown.—Harper's Magazine.

Teaching Muskrats to Swim.

At the pool our attention was attracted by a comical picture made by an old muskrat trying to teach her babies to swim. It struck us as strange that she should go to such trouble; the little rats should have known instinctively how to navigate, but they clung to the bank and to shallow water, above which arose their fluffy backs, bright eyes and sharp noses. The mother set them the example by swimming across and back. She endeavored to coax, and finally she pushed them over their depth and let them make their own way to the shore, though, you may be sure, she stayed close by. When we were seen the old lady shrieked "Tramps!" in characteristic muskrat language and fled to her sub-aquatic vestibule, I suppose to call the police. The little ones did not attempt to escape. Ostrichlike, they hid their heads among the roots, and left their naked tails waving above the water like a new species of juncos waiting to be examined. The madam could not quite ignore the maternal instinct, as she returned and conducted her happy family to the nursery, where they received their first lesson in misanthropy.—Forest and Stream.

A Beetle in a Man's Ear.

Dr. William S. Gardner, of New York, has extracted from the ear of Alfred Lum, colored, a common black beetle, an inch long. Lum was found unconscious and writhing in spasms in the ditch along a highway leading to Cleverack, by two Hudson wheelmen. They stopped the drag of Mr. and Mrs. Hackett, of New York, and Lum was brought to the village. Dr. Gardner was puzzled for a time, but on close examination he discovered the beetle protruding from the man's ear, and extracted it.

After an hour's rest, the man revived. He said he had been hunting, and was returning to his home in this city, when he suddenly experienced a sensation as though he had been shot in the ear, and then he knew no more until resuscitated. Dr. Gardner says it is the most remarkable case he ever heard of.—Phila. Ledger.

Aguinaldo's Build.

"Aguinaldo stands about 5 feet 4 inches in height, is slightly built and was dressed in a coat and trousers of drab tusore silk. He is a pure Philippine native, though showing a slight trace of Chinese origin, of dark complexion, and much pock-marked. His face is square and determined, the lower lip protruded markedly. On the whole, a man of pleasant demeanor, even-tempered, and with strong character. Slow of speech, and perhaps also of thought, his past career has hallmarked him as a man of prompt decision and prompter action. Many people, and among others Admiral Dewey, were much puzzled to find so quiet and apparently unintelligent and listless a young man the acknowledged and undisputed head of so great a movement."

Suicide Commendable.

Suicide at one time was very common among the Brahmins of India, who held the body in contempt, regarding it merely as a covering for the soul.

In the African elephant both sexes have ivory tusks, while in the Asiatic they are generally restricted to the male.

MAHOGANY IS PLENTIFUL.

No Present Likelihood of a Scarcity of the Wood.

Mahogany is no longer the rare and hardly procurable wood it was in our grandparents' days, when a table or chest made from it was an unmistakable indication of prosperity and gentility. Now it is used in railroad cars, in the finish of private houses, hotels, and for other purposes formerly undreamed of.

A steamer in the service of a large importing house brings in over 1,000,000 feet of mahogany lumber on a single trip. Where 1,000 feet of lumber were brought to this country on slow sailing vessels twenty-five years ago, 1,000,000 feet are brought on rapid steamers now. The character of the wood has changed, however. The best mahogany came from Cuba and San Domingo, but all the mahogany near the roads and water-ways was used. There is still plenty of mahogany in Cuba, but it is too difficult and expensive to obtain. The mahogany of San Domingo and Cuba was superior in hardness, in the beauty of its grain and in its susceptibility to high polish. Next in quality is the Nicaraguan wood, which is imported in large quantities. The American firm which has the sole control of the wood on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua is under contract to plant two trees for every one cut down, and these, it is estimated, will be ready for the market in fifty years.

Africa has millions of acres of mahogany, which is just beginning to come into the market, but it is not as good in quality as the Nicaragua wood.—N. Y. Press.

Jessie's Advice About Burglars.

"Wotever you do, ma'am," she says, "never let master meddle with 'em," which is precisely my own idea of wisdom, for 'tis easier to get a new teapot than a satisfactory husband any day, especially if you insure the teapot. Jessie once lived with an old lady whom she regards as a model of wisdom. Every night of her life the plate basket, her cameo brooch, her earrings, her watch and seals, and her hair bracelet with gold clasps were deposited on the hall table with a note to the burglars to this effect: "These are all the valuables the house contains. You are welcome to take it, and there are meat and beer in the pantry. But please do not disturb the inmates of the house." That basket is yet waiting for the enterprising burglar.

Jessie knows of another "place" which she regards as a paradise of safety. The house has a deep, hooded porch, in whose shelter the policeman slept every night all night long. He used to deposit his impedimenta every night before making his rounds to ascertain that all was comfortable before he turned in. "It were so comforting," says Jessie," to put the chain on the door and peep out and see his cape in the corner. He was one to snore, too, ma'am. I'd have a porch like that, if you'll take my advice. Policemen always likes them to sleep in."—London Globe.

How Chickens Talk.

It is a language that human ears learn readily to comprehend. For the most part it is instinctive. A fuzzy toddler six hours out of the shell has five distinct calls. The first and loudest of them is the lost note, uttered when he loses sight of his mother or finds himself out in the cold. It is loud and shrill. The second, the hungry note, is as shrill, but more plaintive. As soon as eating begins it changes to a sort of satisfied chittering.

After eating they grow sleepy, and cry to be hovered. The note is somewhat like that of hunger, with a peculiar tremolo breaking it in the middle. Rarely do the mothers disregard it, though they may be eager to go foraging over grass plots or down hedgerows.

The fifth note, the chir-r-r of fright or astonishment, is the quaintest of all. The chicks themselves appear to find something in it distinctively humorous. When they are a few days old, if a big wriggling worm, or a fat, juicy bug, be thrown to them with their usual food, they will first draw away from it, chir-r-ring in concert, then, after eyeing it a minute, seize upon it and toss it about with faint immature chuckling cackles. This chir-r develops at last in the grating call of warning, at sounds of which from their mothers even the youngest scatter and scuttle to cover.—Boston Globe.

An Indian Bridal Pair.

"Once I saw a pretty thing, a young bride of the Kickapoos, on a sort of wedding trip. She was tall and slight and—so closely do the members of a tribe resemble one another—she looked like the twin sister of her young husband. At first they were accompanied by a stout old chief, but he left after circus day. It is odd to see an Indian chief patronize the peanut and lemonade stands, and sit unmoved at the performance, and yet stand enthralled before the cages of animals unknown on his native prairies. The bride and bridegroom spent three or four days in the town, wandering about as unconsciously as Adam and Eve in the Garden. The man was already masterful and protecting, the girl shy and subservient. Day after day they walked hand in hand, looking at everything, people, shops, cattle, but never speaking to any one, never even to each other, yet deeply content in the consciousness of companionship. They were a living example of the happiness of simplicity, and, while they stayed in the hustling town, made many a civilized man and woman think of how far their own conduct as wives and husbands fell short of the standard of this unconscious Indian pair.—Ainslee's Magazine.

English for Italian.

A proclamation has been issued in Malta announcing that after 15 years the English language will be substituted for the Italian in all the courts in the island. The use of Italian has been of great inconvenience to the English of Malta.

The Passion Play.

In 1890 the receipts of the Oberammergau "Passion Play" were $175,000, while $60,000 was expended on the players, Mayer receiving $500, while even the little children in the chorus were given $10 apiece.

Age of the Earth.

Lord Kelvin in a lecture stated that, as a result of recent investigations, it was estimated that the earth had been the abode of life for about thirty million years.

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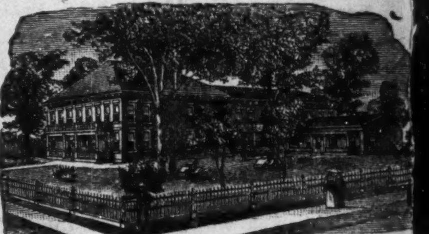

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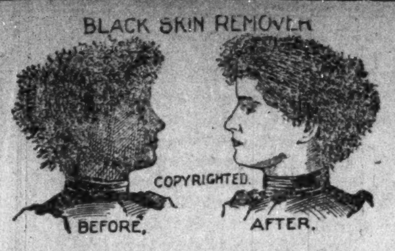

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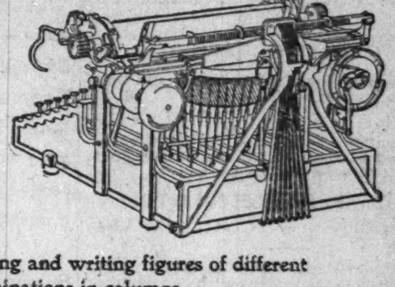

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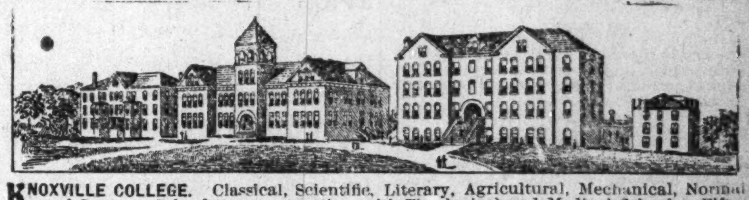

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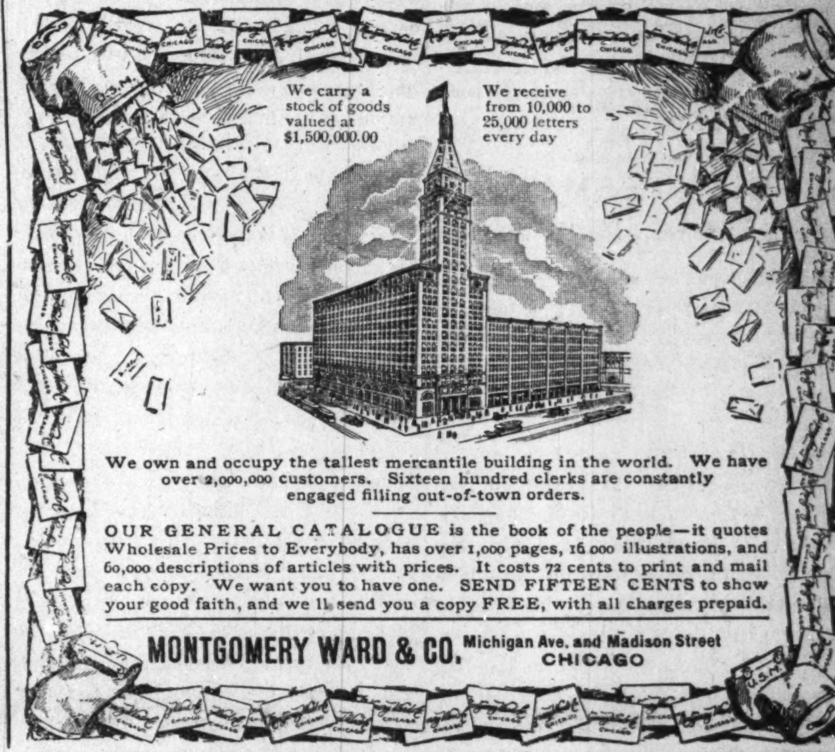

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THE NEGRO EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AT PARIS.

Hon. Thomas J. Calloway, special agent on Negro Education for the United States Commission for the Paris Exhibition, is carefully canvassing the situation in order to show up the educational side of Negro life to the world in its very best light.

The great schools, such as Howard University, of Washington D. C., Hampton Institute, of Virginia; Atlanta University, of Georgia; Prof. Booker T. Washington's Industrial Institute; Prof. W H. Council's School, of Alabama and Fisk University, of Tennessee will have exhibitions that will ably reflect the educational phase of Negro life in America.

The Paris Exhibition will prove the means of a vast benefit to the race generally. Foreigners it may be assumed, have no conception of the general standing of the Negroes in America. They hear and see the ugly side only; so much so that they believe the American Negro is a nonentity—sans liberty, sans vote, sans education and sans everything that tends towards elevation.

It is true that they have some knowledge of such men as Frederick Douglass Booker T. Washington, W. H. Councill, men whom they have seen and heard, men that have been and are able to leave their imprint of greatness and grandness in the track of any age and of any people; but the warp and woof of the racial fabric remains to them, until yet, a sealed book.

There are those who would decry this method of asserting racial qualifications abilities and results contending that it is not American since it bespeaks separate institutions and such like. But it may be urged in defense of the proposed exhibit, that it will do more to bring the race in touch with higher civilization than all of the theoretical manifestoes that can be uttered as to lines of division etc.

A race that bears the reputation of inability and incapacity has got to demonstrate the other things regardless of fine spun theories or platitudes. The only way to do a thing is to do it. It stands the race in hand to seize every opportunity that tends to increase respect for the race at home or abroad. In this the whole situation is summed up. The world has not, as yet, the proper respect for the race. The lack of this in America, however can not always be attributed to ignorance of the Negroes' possibilities; but it is studied, premeditated. Nevertheless, persistency, never flagging zeal will triumph as surely as mind triumphs over matter. Respect for the race is on the increase. This increased respect is the result largely of education. It will continue a large factor; second to wealth, perhaps, in further increasing this respect. With education goes those other virtues so well known that are the basic principles of a highly civilized; hence respected people.

The reputation and character of the schools selected to send exhibits to the Exposition are all that could be wished. They insure the thing contended for long ere the Exposition flings wide its gate to the gaping multitudes. Only one verdict can be expected; that of increased respect for Negroes in America.

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WASHINGTON'S APPEAL.

Prof. Booker T. Washington in appealing to the country for $500,000 for his institution has not reckoned without his host. The rich men of the country that is, a few of them have shown that the possession of great wealth is not always a country's curse. Such men as Carneige, Rockefeller, and thousands of others who are giving away million for the benefit of the masses, prove that wealth is a blessing if used to bless and not simply to possess. When Carneige builds a library for his workingmen, inaugurates reading rooms or endows a college he is using his wealth as the masses would, providing it was distributed pro rata. In fact, the good flowing out of his munificence is more economically administered than if his wealth was in the hands of the many. Guided by his experience and business acumen he is better prepared to invest his surplus wealth that they feel entitled to share and who would perhaps spend it in some such a manner. If this surplus was entrusted to the many, much of it would doubtlessly be dissipated and thus the ends for which it was intended would be cheated of their means. Mr. Carneige knows this and under the broad cloak of philanthropby he gives back to the masses with even-handed justice, that which, for some reason, they feel to be entitled to.

It is said that $200,000 of the $500,000 asked for by Mr. Washington is assured and it is more than likely that the $300,000 will be forthcoming. Thus again is a tendency towards the restoration of the equillibrium between the wage worker and the capitalist. In some such way this self adjustment of economical questions will continue throughout the cycles of time.

Anarchist, socalist and perhaps Nihilists make the rich and powerful the object of their attack. But when the great achievements of the ages are put through it is known to whom the world appeals. This $500,000, a great achievement, must proceed from the purses of the rich.

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Some Congressman at Washington, has gone to monkeying with the ex-slave pension scheme. He knows better or he ought to know better. He is from the South. Perhaps his constituents being largely colored folks demanded the presentation of a bill having the pensioning of ex-slaves as an end. Notwithstanding all of that, he has simply trifled with them. This bill should die beyond ressurrection, in the committee room to which it was sent.

Through the courtesy of Joseph H. Sherwood, of St. Paul, Minn., we have received the score of Hiawatha's Wedding Feast which was recently performed in that city and for the first time in America.

The Iowa State Bystander, of Des Moines comes to us resplendent in its Christmas dress. It is a very creditable issue. It is one more illustration of racial possibilities.

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Loudly would we call it murder
And but little mercy show.

Why should we then call it righteous,
When the soldiers kill their foes,
And they count them by the thousands?
Tell me, anyone who knows.
For to my poor mind it seems
Like highway robbery and greed,
Where men kill their foes to rob them,
Of the country that they need.

More for greed than love it seemeth,
And it does not seem to me,
Anything but wholesale murder,
Which can never righteous be:
For our souls should be above it,
Living in the spiritual sphere,
Where the Father's love should guide us,
In our actions e'er appear.

—MARTHA SHEPARD-LIPPINCOTT,
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PROTECTORACY.

Not a little interest has been excited and some speculation owing to the appearance of the United States cruiser Montgomery off the coast of Liberia.

Just what the government at Washington means is not quite understood unless it is complying with the recent requests of the authorities at Monrovia and the demands of the friends of Liberia in America, that the United States should look into the matter of alleged encroachment of surrounding powers on Liberian territory. It was in 1892 that the little republic was saved a considerable portion of land by the interference of our government. The French have the reputation of being the most formidable aggressors.

It is given out in Washington that a coaling station on the coast of Africa is desired, as the only reason of this seeming demonstration by way of the cruiser Montgomery. However, it is surmised that the country is answering the call of the Liberians who naturally feel that their country is the protege of of the United States.

It is to be hoped that the coaling station will be acquired although it only amounts to the hoisting of the flag. It will mean a sense of security to Liberia; something she has long stood in need of.

It is said that British commercial interest favors a protectoracy on the part of Great Britain or the United States. They insist, however, that if that country can weather the tempests it should be permitted to do so without the interference of either country. It appears that in its struggles Liberia has possibly aroused both the United States and Great Britain in her interest. With the aid of these powerful allies it may well defy the world.

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"In 1801 South Carolina led the other States in the production of cotton. In 1850 Alabama stood first. Mississippi led in 1860-1880. Texas stood at the head in 1890, and still does. The center of production was near Montgomery, Ala., in 1850; this center had moved two miles west by 1860. In 1870 it was near Carthage, Miss., and in 1880 was in Noxubee county, Miss. In 1890 it was sixty miles northwest in Attala county. It is moving west all the time on account of the increasing crops in Arkansas, Texas and the Indian Territory, not to mention Oklahoma."—Ainslee's for January.

ORGANIZED A SOCIETY.

The Family for the Prevention of Cruelty to Microbes.

"I have a son who is taking a medical course at Tulane," remarked a member of the Board of Trade, "and he has been especially interested in the study of bacteriology. I am sorry to say it has proved a great affliction to the entire family. Our troubles began about two months ago, when he laid aside a few samples of his breakfast and remarked casually that he intended to put them 'under the glass'—meaning his new $125 microscope. Next day he told his mother that we'd have to change our milkman and grocer immediately. He said it was next door to a miracle that any of us were alive and when he gave me the Latin name of the microbes he had discovered I was inclined to agree with him. The idea of absorbing that many syllables at every mouthful was enough to scare anybody, so to be on the safe side we followed his suggestion A few days afterward he saw some fish being delivered at the gate, and immediately hacked off a sample. In less than two hours he rushed down and threw two fine pompano into the slop barrel. 'You've had a narrow escape, father,' he said, when I made a gentle protest, for I am very fond of pompano, broiled. 'If you'd eaten that fish,' he said, 'you'd have been a dead man in a week.' After that we had no peace. He insisted on making what he called a 'superficial investigation' of all pantry supplies. He said he was looking for only three or four of the most deadly forms of bacteria and would reserve the moderately dangerous ones for a future campaign. The result was that he condemned nearly everything we had on hand. Then he wanted to sterilize the kitchen utensils, and posted up a set of sanitary rules and regulations for the guidance of the cook. Fortunately the cook can't read, but the rest of us were being rapidly reduced to starvation, and day befor yesterday I headed a revolt and organized a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Microbes. Everybody in the house joined except my son, and I gave him solemn warning that if I ever caught him molesting any bacilli on the premises I would cut him off with a microscope. Since then we have gorged ourselves with impunity and microbes and gained 26 pounds—grand total. My son looks on sadly and says he washes his hands of the consequences. I told him he could wash his hands as much as he blamed pleased, but he mustn't wash any more skillets—especially with germicide fluids. I have hopes he will survive until Mardi Gras."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

OPIUM SMOKERS IN CHINA.

In Formosa One Person in Fifteen Uses the Drug.

To learn the actual number of opium smokers is impossible, but we know the amount of the foreign import of this drug, and the native confessions of reformed opium smokers tell us precisely the amount of opium required to pass the yin, or craving. It is one-fifth of an ounce daily. An ounce or liang is consumed in five days and a catty suffices for eighty days. Four catties are enough for 320 days, and another half catty will carry the user to the end of a year with comfort. A picul is enough then for only twenty-two persons and 50,000 piculs is sufficient for not more than 1,100,000 persons. The law of compulsion in the smoker is just as imperious for native opium as for foreign. It is a matter of great interest to know the extent of the evil.

In regard to Szechuen, that very populous and wealthy province, Mr. Schjoth, in the Trade Report for 1898, informs us that Szechuen produces 100,000 piculs of opium, and the cultivation is always increasing. At Chungching, where he is commissioner, he is told that 30,000 piculs suffice for consumption in the province and that 65,000 piculs are exported. We may conclude that the smokers of that province cannot be less than 660,000. Since the population is 67,000,000, the number of smokers is one in a hundred. In Shensi one in 140 smokes. in Formosa one in fifteen is the proportion in cities, where the people are sunk to the lowest point of degradation and this is the largest proportion yet known of opium smokers as compared with the general population.—Shanghi Mercury.

How Much Sleep.

The statistics and diagrams of sleep in the Sunday Post-Dispatch are interesting as showing the influence of occupation upon habit. The American naval officer gets less sleep on the average than anyone else. It is with him a matter of regulation, but he gets used to his scant allowance and seems to thrive under it. He sleeps six hours in the twenty-four. The actor sleeps ten, while the army officer is allowed eight hours. There are two extreme opinions on the subject of sleep. One that men do not sleep enough, and the other that they sleep too much. Probably the truth is that a tranquil and evenly balanced mind not given to worry, dissipation or needless excitement needs less sleep than the fussy man who indulges in these respectable and unrespectable vices. It is possible to rest even when in the midst of work. But it requires much toil and self-control to achieve such a power of rest.

Municipal Novelty.

There is a decidely humorous side which occasionally comes to light in connection with the undertakings of municipal corporations but the action of the enterprising city fathers of a small Hungarian town is certainly unique. The Mayor and the whole Town Council, consisting of eight members, formed themselves into a band of forgers and carried on a thriving business in the Town Hall manufacturing paper notes current in Austria, which they circulated pretty extensively. A workshop, well fitted with the necessary implements, was fixed up a cellar of the Town Hall, and they actually set policemen to guard the door while they were at work. This remarkable state of affairs existed for a couple of years, when the business was detected, the Mayor and councillors fighting like profesional brigands upon being arrested.—Cin. Enquirer.

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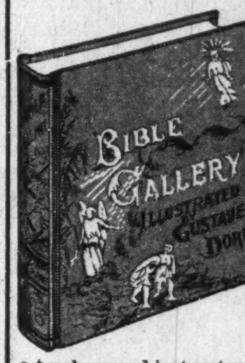
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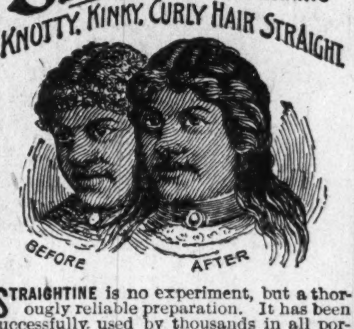

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Miss Ella Dorsey, the charming little soubrette and lady contortionist, now with Lowery & Green's Improved Minstrels and Original Nashville Students, is without an equal in her line. In her contortion work she performs with such ease that it is a surprise as well as a pleasure to see her. Her winning stage ways seem to catch the audience from the start, yet she does not slack her interest. Her style of cake walking is her own.

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John Vaughner sends regards to Bob Kelly.

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Wm. G. Melford sends regards to all Buffaloes.

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Zeda, the human snake is a strong feature with Georgia Up to Date.

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Ray Trusty sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson and Julius Glenn.

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A. P. Harris sends regards to his ex-partner S. H. Dudley, of the old team of Dudley & Harris.

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Jack M. Oliver, stage manager and vocal director with Georgia Up to Date sends holiday greetings to all friends.

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Misses Mattie McLemore and Legretta Henderson, endwomen with Georgia Up to Date are prime favorites everywhere.

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The trombone work of Fountain B. Wood and Wm. Phletcher's cornet solos are two features of the Georgia Up to Date band,

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Chapman & Perkins, song and dance artists with Lowery & Green's Improved Minstrels are doing some clever work. Their double song and dance is worthy of special compliment. They have a bright future before them.

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Prof. Major W. Daniels spent Christmas with his parents at Indianapolis, Ind. While there he perfected arrangements with his brother, D F. Daniels, basso of The Freeman Quartette, to form a first-class concert company, opening at Toledo, O., April 1. The company will be known as the Daniels Brothers' Concert Company.

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Prof. P. G. Lowery is now arranging for his concert band and vaudeville show with the Forepaugh-Sells Combined Shows. The western branch of his company will leave from Chicago for New York about April 20. The band will be larger and vaudeville show much stronger than ever before, also a special quartette. He says "Hello Bailey, and also sends regards to Harry Prampin, L. E. Gideon, Judy Glenn and all friends.

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Notes from the Georgia Up-to-Date Company:—"Christmas found us in the pink of condition and every bent on having a merry Christmas. After the show the stage was cleared and a real Christmas tree dropped from the flies. When Santa Claus had filled everybody's lap, the tree suddenly disappeared and Messrs Kennedy & Co. stretched a table across the stage and filled it with all the delicacies of the season and filled it with all the delicacies of the season. When this was over every one was suffering from a severe attack of "nervous prosperity," so Prof. Jno. D. Nash brought out his orchestra and we danced till the hours grew small. Miss Bell Buckner and Mrs. Ada McKenzie, of Minneapolis were our guests and say they spent their happiest Christmas with the Georgia Up-to-Date. At 4.30 Manager George and wife rang down the curtain on the merriest Christmas in the history of the company and all retired toward dreamland.

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Pete G. Hampton sends the following from Jno. W. Isham's Octoroon Co:—"We are turning them away at every stand. We played Lafayette Ind. on Christmas day to S. R. O. and after the performance we were escorted to the St. Nicholas hotel where Mr. W. H. Isham had arranged for a banquet for the company in honor of his brother who is now abroad. The following is fondly dedicated to J. W. Isham by Jennie Jacobs the Treasurer, on behalf of his famous organization:

"Join in the toast I now offer,
On this memorable Xmas eve
Here's to the health of John Isham,
Now o'er the deep sea I believe.

We ne'er can forget his kindness
It extended to stranger and friend,
So toast and be merry I pray you,
Here! drink to John Isham again.

And now we, all, before we part
Must sing what's deepest in each heart.

Song by the Company:—

"With fife and drum, won't there be fun,
—Hurrah, Hurrah!
When he does come, we'll make things hum,
—Hurrah, Hurrah!

We hope it won't be many moons,
Before Jno. W. Isham's Octoroons,
Can welcome him as he comes sailing home,

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Roast Young Turkey, Oyster dressing,
Cranberries.
Spinach. Fried Parsnips.
Cauliflower in cream.
St. Nicholas Punch.
Roast Mallard Duck, French dressing.
Saddle of Venison, Currant jelly.
Chicken Mayonaise.
Steamed Fruit Pudding, Sauce Doree.
Home-made Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie.
Vanilla Ice Cream. Assorted Cake.
Strawberry Punch.
Fruit. Nuts. Raisins.
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Wine. Coffee. Egg Nog.

Those that were gathered around the well laden table were Bell Davis, Alberta Ormes, Annie Williams, Katie Cook, Marion Henry, Laura Walker, Sadie Britton, Ada Mickey, Bessie Banks Eva Swanson, Lillie Garay, Sallie Lee, Messrs Geo. Williams, Walter Smart, Pete G. Hampton, Joe Britton, Matt Johnson, Wm. English, Billy Miller, Dave Banks, (Rastus,) Charlie White; W. H. Isham, manager; Jennie Jacobs, treasurer; Prof. Carl Shilling, musical director and Mr. Nick Murphy, stage carpenter. As the clock struck three our hostess, Miss Belle Davis arose from the table and spoke in very kind and loving words to the company which drank to her health, bid her a kind Good Night and retired.

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Prof. Henderson Smith sends the following notes from the McAdoo Minstrels now touring Australia—"Since writing you last we have learned of the death of our greatest song-writer—Gussie L. Davis, who we all loved as a gentleman and author; and we, as members of the McAdoo company extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife of Mr. Davis; and hope she will bear her separation from her noble and good husband whom God has seen fit to take from her, bravely. There was many wet eyes when I read the news from my wife, who learned of it upon her arrival in San Francisco, and immediately notified us; and that night the show went with a lull—no one seemed to have any life or spirit to work. We are now on our way to Tasmania to spend the hot months of summer. We are all well, with the exception of Mr. John Pamplin who is suffering with a heavy cold. Mr. Chas. Walker and Hen Wise and their wives have become great fishermen; while Billy McClain auctions off all the cast-off clothing to the aboriginals. We have learned of two engagements of marriage in our company, one of them is the Florida alligator-bait cornet player, and while he is recieving opals for presents we consider that he will have bad luck. Pete Woods, our baritone player has proven himself quite a rag-time writer. He has composed a rag march and dedicated it to a Melbourne belle (Neitta). Ed Tolliver proved himself quite a sprinter by beating our bandmaster 3yds in a 100 yd race. We are sorry that we cannot appear in your Holiday Number, but later we will have quite interesting news for our friends which will appear in your valuable paper. Mr. Dave Barton says to tell John Brewer that he is square once more, and while the run was taken out of him, he sees where he was benefitted in the long run. My best regards to the members of my late Darkest America band, and I hope the Buffaloes are still prospering. Boys while you are saying 'shut that door', we are saying open the door, as it is 104 in the shade over here. After spending six weeks or more in Tasmania we go to Queensland for a tour, and when we return the fall season will be just be opening. We are all in good spirits and hope our many friends are doing as well as we are. Our business has been something marvelous, turning people away nightly; and we are pleased to see our genial manager do the business as he deserves it. Perhaps a word about some of the old-timers that came out here with the Hicks & Sawyers' Minstrels years ago will interest some of our old performers at home—Billy Speed and Andrew Jackson are in Freemantle, W. A., doing quite well, bill posting and running a booking shop. Wallace King, Chas. Pope and Irving Sayles are with Harry Rickards in Sydney. Poor Bill Johnson, the bass singer, is dead also is Hosie Easton; they are both buried at Sydney. John Matlock is in Melbourne, playing at different times with home talent. Bowman is in India. Chas. B. Hicks was in Java when I last heard from him, Chas. Bruce is also with him. Brown & Mills are both dead; and I fear poor Horace Copeland will be left here to die after our departure, but at present James. P. Jones, of Columbus, O., and myself are looking after him, as he is paralyzed and cannot help himself. Wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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J. Ed Green writes from the "Festival"—"New Orleans, the metropolis of the South was the gaaden spot for members of the Big Minstrel Festival. Suppers, receptions and dinner parties galore. On entrance to the magnificent city we were greeted by the thousands of minstrel admirers and our opening night was the crowning success of finance for the management. The week was a reproduction of the first night. Christmas presents were bought by the score. The New Orleans Picayune in speaking of the show says:

The minstrel festival of the Richards and Pringle —Rusco and Holland troupe, led by the funniest of black men, Billy Kersands, caught thousands last night, and from pit to dome in the Crescent Theatre there was wild laughing. It made every one guffaw—this nonsense of the comedians of the minstrel band, and never before has such a clever show been offered by Kersands and his associates in entertainment. For several hours before the curtain went up there was a jam of people before the Crescent Theatre, and it was a scramble for place Long before, every seat in the playhouse was sold, and even general admissions were refused, because the available room had been purchased. Many cared nothing about the inconvenience of standing, and they packed themselves on every floor of the theatre. Their trouble did not go for naught, for the entire performance was good, no number being out of season. Of course, Billy Kersands was the favorite, and he deserves the high place in which he is held by ministrel lovers, because he knows what good fun is. But he had splendid seconds in that new comedian, John Rucker; Harry Fidler and Bobby Kemp, who did something new at every turn and put the audience in good humor. The setting of the first part had a Japanese finish, and was gorgeously handsome, the entire company circling the stage, with J. Ed Green in a handsome court costume as interlocutor, and the most tuneful orchestra occupying a semi-circle back of the singers and comedians. Better tone was given to the setting by the company of four fine-looking mulattresses, who made up the Cathedral Choristers. Kemp and Rucker started the fun of the evening, singing and dancing their way into popular favor, and the audience seemed unable to get enough of the two very clever fellows. Then Dick Thomas, too, made a hit with his funny songs. The ballad singers were full of melody, and the basso solo of James Hood, "The Belfry Tower," was well appreciated. The song, "In Sunny Tennessee," by Will Craine, was sweet, and the tenor was encored. Bailey Stewart, too, amused with imitations, and Ed Green's barytone voice was heard to advantage. Fidler and Kersands took the places of the first end men, telling gags and stories that were well received, and they sung in the merriest way. The Cathedral Cloristers sang their best, and the females were forced to appear several times. All of them are possesed of good voices, and use them correctly Bobby Kemp and his one man's band was laughable in the extreme. Then McCarver, Reed and McCarver showed themselves capital dancers and acrobats. Christian, the skater, came with his novelty. He is a master of roller skates, and went around the stage in graceful style, doing things on the skates that were astonishing. With him was Thomas, a grotesque skater, who entertained all. Florence Hines made a fine-looking fellow in the dress of a young man about town, and her songs pleased. Allie Brown startled every one with his performance on the slack wire. The dance of the "Jolly Old Men" was a feature. Rucker's monologue and songs were not amiss. Bailey and Dodd got music out of bells and aluminum trumpet, and they are certain of applause every time they do their turn Craig, the contortionist, is a marvel. He must be seen to be understood, Kersands and his wife made things lively for some minutes, and it is a race between the two for popularity and appreciation. The entertainment closed with the full company in a song and dance called "Darktown is Out To-night." The ebony minstrels will continue during the week.

Interesting Pickings.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, '99 at Odd Fellow's Hall, Toussiant L'Overture Club entertained their many friends at a public installation. The body of young men came to-gether about 18 months ago to care for the sick and bury the dead. They have growed very fast and now number 110 members in good standing. Have payed 4 sick and death claims which amount to $165.75 and have a valuable treasury still on hand. Prof. Morton's brass band, of 16 pieces, of Portland furnished the music for the occasion. They as young men demand attention of the public. The following officers were elected. Mr. Jno. Cunningham, pres.; Henry Crosby, vice; Calvin Brown, sec. Jno. Hicks, ass't.; Ed. Husley, chairman of finance committee. Dr. Wm. L. Peyton, treasurer. Miss Emma and Alice Dowdy, 724 W. Walnut st entertained a few friends Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Clarksville, Tenn. Rev. Luckett and Dr. Thompson and all the sister churches held watchmeeting Sunday evening, also at 4.00 a. m. to a large attendance. Mrs. L. Johnson 525 Brook street gave luncheon to her friends Monday evening from 8 to 11. All went home happy. Charity concert for the benefit of Old Folk's Home was held Friday evening, Dec. 29., at Odd Fellow's Hall by the Young Men's Club Knights of Chivaly. A neat sum was realized. We thank the friends of Louisville for their patronage to The Freeman from Prof. Lucas who is in your city. We hope all who desire to subscribe for the year will see the Prof. at 314-6th st. at once as his stay is short. He goes elsewhere in the interest of our paper. Should you fail please send your money, name and address to our office.

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Process of Leather Making From Skin to Finished Article.

The leather man was busy hoisting bundles of leather up from the cellar by means of a pulley rope, weighing it and loading it on the cart which stood at the door ready to carry the load to the shoe manufacturers. He looked up, however, at a question and paused to wipe the perspiration from his brow.

"Tell you about leather? Well, that's a long story. You see, there are fifty different kinds of leather if there is one, and the processes through which the hides go between the time they leave the stock yards and the time when the shoe man gets them are many and varied. There are steer hides, calf skins, goat skins and others, which are prepared each in one certain way.

"The green skins come from the great stock yards in Chicago and Kansas City to the tannery, which is generally built on the bank of a pure stream and near woodland. At the tannery the hides are at once placed in great vats filled with fresh cold water, and left there to soak for two or three days. The water tends to soften them. Then the skins are put in a long trough and run through a sort of slide, while heavy hammers pound them to a greater softness and pliability. Water is played on them in a steady stream. When the work in the trough is finished the hides are placed back in the vats, and they soak there a little more, for a day or so. The next move is to keep them four or five days in the sweat pits.

"After the turn in the sweat pits the hides are ready for scraping. It takes a trained tanner to know just how long to keep them in the sweat pits. When the thing is done right the hides should be just about at the point of decomposition before they are taken out. Then bare-armed men stand ready with long, sharp knives, which they work over the skins with both hands, removing all the hair and the small particles of flesh so that there is not a shread of it left. Each skin is gone over thoroughly and tossed into still another vat filled with a liquid in which there are small strips of hemlock bark. The hemlock bark has a hardening tendency on the skins. In some cases acids are used in addition to the bark.

"Tanners have an instrument they call a barkometer with which they test the strength of the liquid. It would not do to have it too strong or the skins would be burned. So they are generally put first into a weak solution. The bark juice, or whatever you want to call it, permeates the skin through every pore. The next process is that of drying. Then the dry hide is rolled and a coating of fish oil spread over it to give it the peculiar gloss which you notice in leather. The skins are next stored in a loft for two or three days and afterwards shipped to the leather sellers in New York and other cities. We have nothing to do here but weigh them and send them off to the shoemen. That is the way that soleleather is prepared."—N. Y. Sun.

Olive Oil for Convivalists.

A man with a hard head for drinking has always been the admiration of every one who sits round "the festive board," and the capacity for imbibing strong liquor has from time immemorial been a subject on which the outside world is always as ready to listen as the person having that great capacity is always ready to talk.

Among the great drinkers, says a London weekly, there has always been a tendency to place the Englishman, especially an army or navy officer, at the head of the list. The reason for this singular immunity enjoyed by the followers of these professions has never been hitherto explained, but there is a system which explains the reason of this thusness, although, as the writer of this article is not a naval or military man, and, unfortunately like Cassio, "has a poor head for drinking," so that he is compelled against his will to be a teetotaler, he is in no position to vouch for the truth by actual experience.

Briefly then, the secret is said to lie in olive oil, one wineglassful of which is to be taken before starting on a carouse, and, if possible, one during the course of the evening.

It is supposed that the oil acts by coating the stomach, and so keeps the alcohol from being absorbed by the system, and so getting to the brain, where it produces its peculiar poisonous effects.

A Nice Distinction.

The other patrons of the fashionable restaurant felt sure the two at the corner table were father and son, and were from the rural districts. Their table manners were such that any polite jury would have brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide had the head waiter fallen upon the two as they sat side by side at the little table, whose snowy cloth they were sadly disfiguring. Vigorously they wielded knife and fork—very little fork, but much knife. At last the way in which the son spread his elbows interfered with the free play of the father and brought about a loud rebuke from the old man.

"Look-a-here, Jefferson," said the father, sternly, "draw in' them elbows and eat in a narrer circle. Ain't your mar ever told you it warn't polite to shove others with your elbows when you dine out? It is powerful bad manners to make your old father cut his mouth at the table."—Waverly Magazine.

The Passaic Public Library.

One of the most beautiful and useful institutions of its kind is the public library at Passaic, N. J. While the State has larger and wealthier libraries, in very few communities does the public library occupy a more prominent place or take a more active part in educational life than in the city of Passaic.

The City Hall, in which the library rooms are located, is one of the most attractive public buildings in northern New Jersey, being situated on the highest ground in the city, known as Tony's Nose. The building, originally of an artistic Moorish design, and the beautiful park surrounding it were planned for the residence of the late C. K. Paulison.

Days You Work.

The English workingman has 278 working days in a year, the American 308, the Hungarian 312, and the Russian 267.

Taxed for Weight.

Dogs in Hamburg are taxed according to size—the bigger the dog, the higher the tax.

LIVELY YOUNG DRUMFISH.

Visitors Amused by Its Picking Up and Spitting Out of Pebbles.

Last year there was placed in one of the gallery tanks on the salt-water side at the Aquarium a drumfish that weighed about three-quarters of a pound, and there it remained until last week when it was transferred to a larger tank on the ground floor tier. It had doubled in weight and came to be rather too big to be kept in a gallery tank.

The drumfish was put in with the spadefish, which it resembles not at all in shape. It appears to like the more spacious tank. With entire disregard of company in the shape of visitors looking on, it gapes, at times, in a manner that one might fear would dislocate its jaws. But its gaping is simply a form of exercise for comfort's sake, or it may be with some purpose—as to dislodge some foreign substance that has become attached to its gills. But the thing the drumfish does that pleases people most is its picking up of pebbles.

The bottom of the tank is covered with a bed of pebbles or coarse gravel. More or less animal life in minute forms attaches to these pebbles, and the pebbles become covered with minute forms of vegetation. Both these forms of life the drumfish likes, and occasionally it picks up a mouthful of the pebbles and mumbles them over and eats off whatever is on them, just as a small boy would hold in his mouth a lump of candy or some kind of candy drops to suck on; but the drumfish doesn't finally swallow the pebbles. After a time, when it has cleaned off all the nutriment from them, it gravely spits the pebbles out; and to see the drumfish spitting pebbles is always amusing to those who happen to see it.

The drumfish is not the greatest attraction in the Aquarium, but it is not without its friends.—N. Y. Sun.

Whitewashed the Fence.

There is near Cinnaminson a small factory, where a young druggist makes pills and tablets and lotions for the wholesale trade. Tablets are what he manufactures mostly, grinding them out of a huge machine by turning a stiff crank. A physician was looking on one day, and sneered when the druggist, having made 140 tablets, stopped panting for a rest and a smoke. "I can beat that," he said, and he turned the crank to the tune of 150 tablets, a feat he was so proud of that he told all his athletic friends about it. These friends in turn called on the druggist and tested their strength by making tablets for him, while he looked on and encouraged them with loud words of praise. In the neighborhood of Cinnaminson now men do not explain how strong they are by showing their muscles or by telling how many pounds they can lift. They say: "I can make 200 tablets," "I can make 250," and the like. The young druggist is making a specialty of tablets now, and every day he may be seen in his laboratory, seated in a rocking chair, with a cigarette in his mouth, and keeping score, while the physicians, clergymen, lawyers and business men of his acquaintance try to outdo one another in turning the heavy crank of his enormous tablet machine. He keeps the other wholesale druggists of Philadelphia guessing as to how he can sell tablets so cheap.—Phil. Record.

Cock's Crow Saved Them.

A singular story is told of a gallant cock whose moral influence at a critical moment during the battle of St. Vincent helped to save a British man-of-war from the hands of the enemy The fowl in question formed part of the live stock of the Marlborough—a vessel which had suffered so severely that her captain was considering the advisability of striking his flag. The ship was entirely dismasted, while the chief officers had been carried below severely wounded, and the crew, without anybody to cheer them up, were beginning to grow sullen under the heavy fire of the enemy, to which they were hardly able to respond.

At this emergency a shot struck the coop in which the fowls were confined. The only surviving occupant, a cock, finding himself at liberty, fluttered up and perched himself on the stump of the mainmast and surveyed the scene of carnage around him. Then, flapping his wings in defiance, he began to crow vociferously. He was answered by three hearty and exhilarating cheers from the crew, who all had a good laugh, and with spirits thus renewed continued the action with a vigor that lasted until a turn in the battle rescued them from their tight position.—London Mail.

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Cuban Names.

Of course, many people in the United States will use the correct foreign spelling and sound of our naturalized names, says a writer in Lippincott's, but it cannot be expected with much confidence that their example will be widely or successfully followed. A teacher who once patiently tried to get from his advanced pupils the Spanish sounds of Guadalajara and San Juan de Ulua gave up in despair after reaching such results as Gwoddaly-horror and Sonnawondy-woolawah. The American tongue seems to lend itself reluctantly to the words of alien languages, and there is not much to indicate that the vast tide of immigration has in this respect brought about any material difference.

Grasshoppers in Algeria.

The authorities in Algeria gave $40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the places where egg had been deposited.

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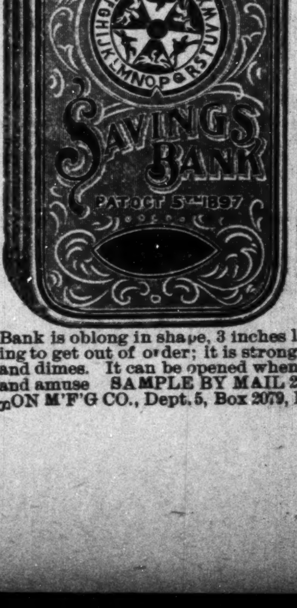

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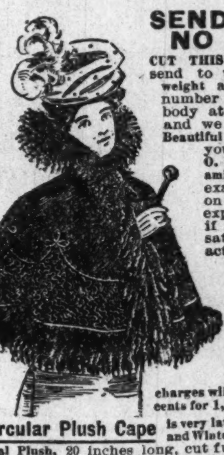

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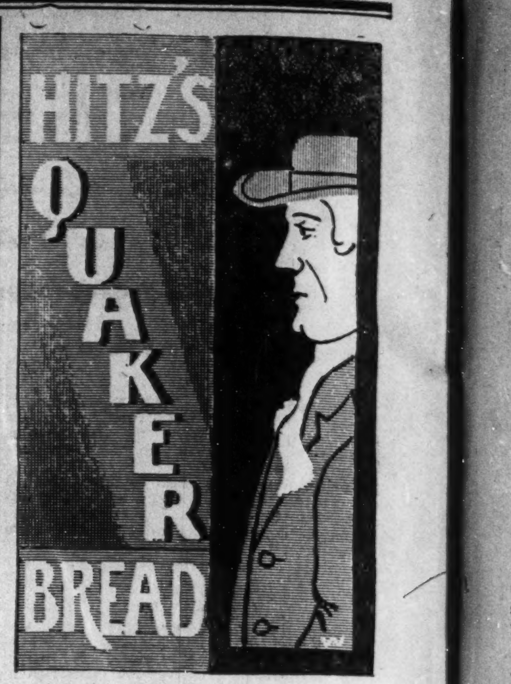

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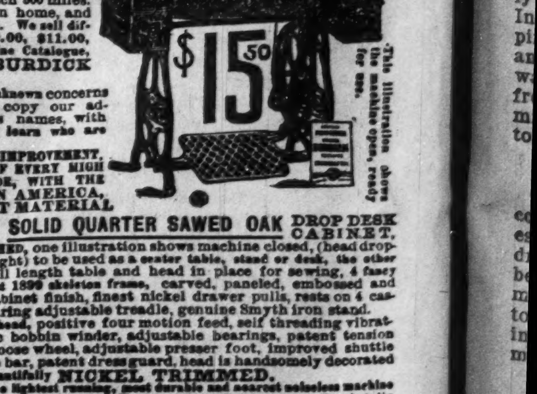

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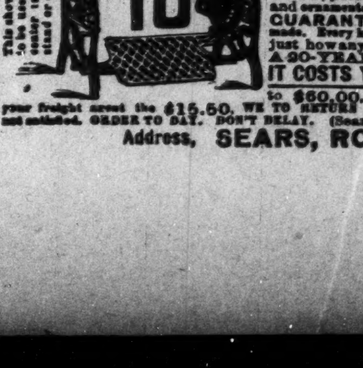

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ARTHUR AND BLAINE.

They Were Long on Greenbacks and Short on Change.

There is a good story of the presidential excursion down to the eastern shore of Maryland. The party embraced Secretaries Blaine and Windom and others. They were fortunate enough to hear an excellent sermon from the venerable Protestant Episcopal bishop of Maryland, who was there to administer the rite of confirmation. President Arthur and the two secretaries sat in quiet satisfaction. But their peace of mind was suddenly dispelled. The offertory was sung. At the familiar words: "Let your light so shine before men," etc., the President and the secretaries each quietly dropped a hand into a pocket.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth."

Windom drew forth a crisp $1 note and held it between his thumb and forefinger, ready for the approaching plate. The President and Mr. Blaine went a little deeper into their pockets. One brought up a nickel and the other a dime. Their faces flushed. It would never do to make such a contribution.

"He that soweth little shall reap little, and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. * * * God loveth a cheerful giver."

The President went to his pocketbook, and the secretary of state explored his vest pocket with nervous fingers.

"Zaccheus stood forth and said unto the Lord: 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have done wrong to any man I restore fourfold.'"

The plate was only four pews away. What the President found in his pocketbook was one $50 note and a $10 greenback—nothing smaller. What Mr. Blaine found was two $10 notes—nothing smaller. To put in a nickel or a dime only was not to be thought of. To give $10 was more than either cared to do. Each looked at Windom sitting there calmly with his dollar note in hand. He shook his head.

"Charge them that are rich in this world that they be ready to give and glad to distribute."

There was no time for further pocket exploration or consideration. With a smile of commiseration at each other, and something like glee on Windom's placid countenance, the President and the secretary of state each planked down his $10 note for "the poor of this congregation." And the worst of it is, said one of the party afterward, that the Lord would probably give them credit only for the dollar or two which they intended to give.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Gen. Wheeler's Prayers.

Gen. Wheeler is a religious man. He was brought up in the Episcopal church with a great reverence for sacred things and faith in the efficacy of prayer. One of his former secretaries tells the story that while the general was engaged in a canvass for Congress some years ago he spent the night at the plantation of a constituent. His host accompanied him to his room at bed time and bade him good night, but being reminded that the General might want a glass of cool water before retiring, he carried a pitcher to the room and entered without knocking. He was surprised to find Gen. Wheeler on his knees before the bed engaged in his devotions. He waited reverently until the General arose and apologized for the interruption.

"Don't mention it," said Gen. Wheeler. "I think all of us ought to kneel before we retire, and thank our good Maker for His mercies and blessings."

The members of Gen. Wheeler's staff say that during the Santiago campaign he never lay down to sleep without offering a prayer and never arose in the morning without thanking God for His protection and preservation.—Chicago Record.

Amateur Actors.

"Actors are always making fun of amateurs," said a prominent dramatic teacher the other day, "and I don't deny that in many cases they have reason. But let me tell you as my opinion that there is more real regard for art in a good amateur theatrical school than in the best regular company in the United States."

I elevated my eyebrows a little at this.

"Oh, I mean it," he went on warmly. "An earnest amateur will study a whole play for the sake of getting a proper conception of his or her one part, though the part be but a small one.

"Imagine a professional actor or actress doing that!

"The amateur has a real reverence for Shakespeare, for Sheridan, for Bulwer Lytton, for Sardou.

"The professionals, as a rule, place them in the same line of work as they do Pettitt, Simms or Hoyt, and 'swallow' their lines, don their costumes and play their parts with but two ideas in their mind—to make all the points they can and get out of the theater in time to attend to something else!

"And when it comes to playing one part for a whole season or longer, then all the art that the paid Thespian bothers about can be lost to sight in a thimble."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Directory Glued to a Board.

Lying on the counter in a city business office where there are many visitors was a directory whose open covers were glued on the back to a piece of board that was not quite so long as the spread of the covers. It was thus possible to reach under the edges of the cover on either side, and so the book could be easily lifted. The book could be moved about freely on the board to which it was glued, and its leaves freely consulted, but it could not be closed. In this widespread form and with flapping leaves, it would be rather a bulky and inconvenient thing to carry off. It was, indeed, with a view to prevent it from being taken away by some absent-minded person that the book was glued to the board.

Vienna's Total Abstainers.

The Society of Total Abstainers just confored in Vienna is the first ever established in Austria. Everybody drinks in Austria. An Austrian baby begins to sip beer at the age of three months, and, as it grows up, learns to consume the liquor in ever-increasing quantity, until, when a full-grown man, he can drink it by the gallon.

Latest Collecting Fad.

Among the latest collecting fads is a search after odd trade signs and circulars. The collectors declare there is more fun in it than anything in the collection line yet attempted.

LIQUID AIR.

Expected to Solve Many Problems in Surgery.

Liquid air, although still possessing many mysterious properties, is becoming so well understood as an agent in the medical and surgical science that it is now being used with successful results, says the New York Tribune. Dr. A. Campbell White shows that liquid air possesses remarkable anaesthetic and specific powers, and by a series of experiments he proves that its advent in medicine and surgery will solve many problems of long standing. Speaking of the subject, he said:

"I am confirmed in my belief that liquid air is a specific for neuralgia, sciatica and such neurotic lesions, by experiments in which I have used the fluid and tested its results. In one case of sciatica the patient was suffering intense pain the whole length of the leg. The physician, who had been using the ordinary cauterizing treatment to no effect, permitted the application of liquid air. This was done by dipping a swab in the fluid and touching the nerve at its spinal extremity. Instantly the pain left the leg. Other applications were made along the nerve to insure relief, and although a month has elapsed since the operation there has been no recurrence of any trouble."

Dr. White showed a culture tube in which a colony of the bacteria, of diphtheria had been planted in blood serum. He then told of an experiment in which these bacilli had been put in capoillary tubes with sealed ends and subjected to liquid air for an hour. At the end of the time the germs appeared lifeless, but on being placed in an incubator and brought back to a normal temperature they were as lively as ever.

"It is impossible to kill germs by freezing," he went on to say, "but this experiment reveals a use of liquid air which I believe will prove effectual in many cases of bacterial diseases."

The doctor then showed a photograph taken of a child upon whose neck a large blood tumor had attained the size of a dollar. Lower on the body was another tumor even more ugly in its appearance. In telling of the case the doctor said:

"Liquid air was applied to the tumor on the child's back and the flesh healed rapidly. The other excrescence was treated by ordinary methods and has even grown larger. In consequence of these results I have great hopes for liquid air in the treatment of lesions and such inflammations of the skin."

When asked in regard to the use of liquid air as an anaesthetic, Dr. White told of an experiment in which it was employed.

"A boy had received a blank cartridge wound in the hand and in order to perform the operation the part was frozen by a spray of liquid air. Too much was applied, and at first the surgeon was no more able to cut the flesh than if it had been so much stone. After a moment's waiting the knife cut in easily, inflicting no pain, the foreign particles were removed, and the wound carefully dressed. A few days later the boy returned. The hand had healed nicely and was soon entirely well.

"There is no pain in the application," he continued, "except a slight tingling at the very beginning. If the part frozen is surrounded by healthy tissue it returns to its normal condition as soon as the cold is removed."

Wortham Meets His Ideal.

The Honorable William Wortham is now about as well known in a certain jewelry store in New York as he is in Texas, where he has long served as state treasurer. It came about in this way: Mr. Wortham was in this store one day, buying a present for a member of his family, when he noticed a show case filled with splendid jeweled revolvers with silver and gold grips and chased barrels, having precious stones set into the butts.

"Lemme see one of those guns," he said to the clerk.

"Which one, sir?"

"The gold one with the big ruby in the handle."

The clerk took it from the case. It was a beautiful piece of workmanship. It was marked $300, and it looked to be worth even more. The Texan took it tenderly in both hands and held it admiringly up to the light. Then drawing himself up to his full height, which was six feet and a half, he rested the revolver barrel upon his left elbow, crooked for the purpose, and looked over the sights down the long store. Those persons who saw him involuntarily dodged, and one woman screamed.

"Say," said Mr. Wortham, with quiet but intense enthusiasm as he returned the weapon, "if I was to wear that gun down in my state the people would be falling down on their knees begging to be killed with it."—Phil. Post.

Keeping Race Horses.

Well, after a quarter of a century of fruitless expectation I won the Derby. But what was the result? I at that time held high office, as Lord Wenlock has also reminded you, under the Crown. I was immediately attacked from quarters of an almost inspired character for owning race horses at all. With very little knowledge of the facts, and with much less of that charity that "thinketh no evil," I was attacked with the greatest violence for owning a race horse at all. I then made the discovery which came to me too late in life, that what was venial and innocent in the other officers of the government—in a Secretary of State or a President of the Council, for example—was criminal in the First Lord of the Treasury. I do not even know if I ought not to have learned another lesson—that, although without guilt and offense, I might perpetually run seconds and thirds, or even run last, it became a matter of torture to many consciences if I won. —Address by Lord Rosebery.

Pygmy Camels of Persia.

The western part of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is the pygmy of its kind. They are now snow white and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The Shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The largest is 27 inches high and weighs 60 pounds. The other is four inches less, but the weight is not given.

A Wonderful Dress.

Princess Czartoryski has had a wonderful dress made in Paris, on which her coat-of-arms is produced in jewels on a white satin ground. For this purpose the stones had to be pierced, and, though their value was deteriorated, the dress as it stands is valued at $75,000.

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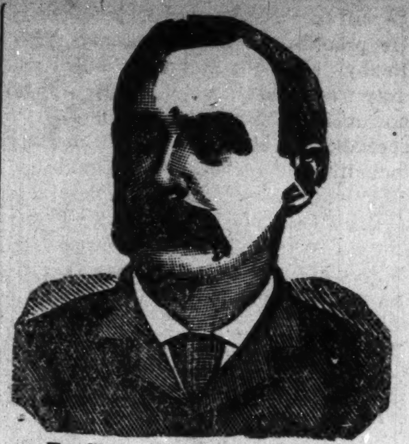

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there is a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic avenue; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The Doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

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ALBERT AYRES.

Plainfield, N. J.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of the patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at once what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea to all those in sickness or distress of any kind.

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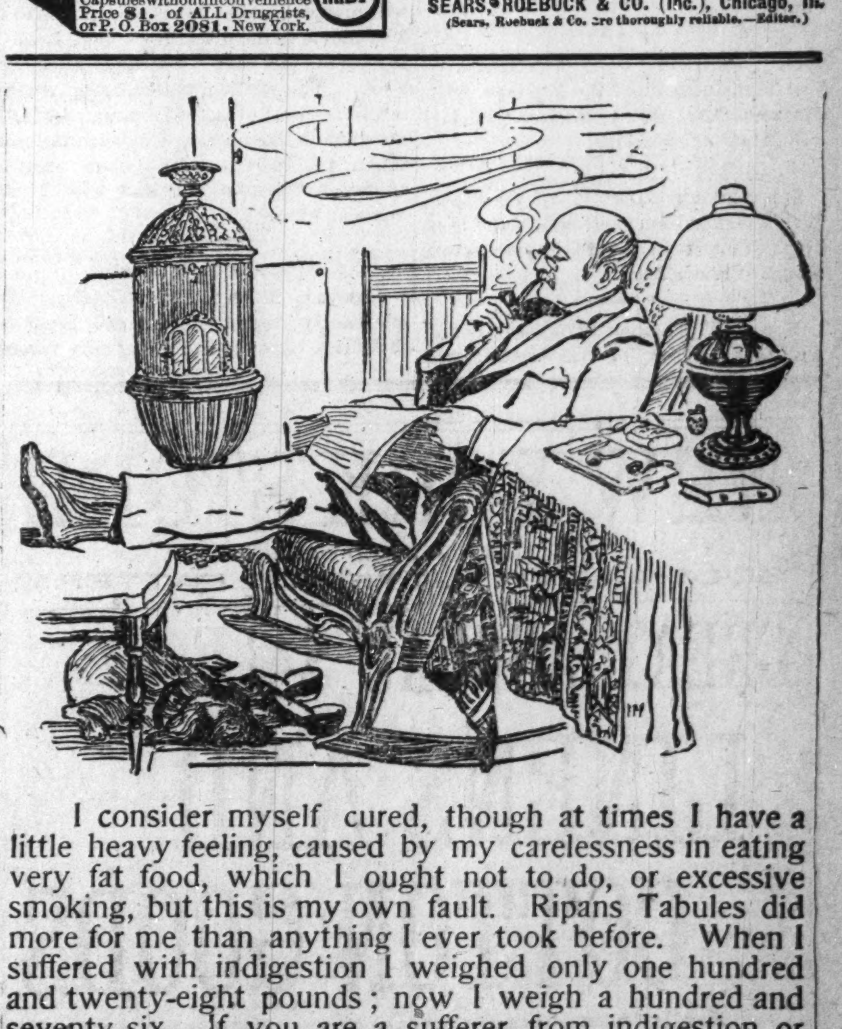

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Miss Bertie Ross left Thursday for her home in Shelbyville, Ky.

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Mr. A. L. Bell and wife, of Kansas, Ill., were in the city last week.

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Miss Lula F. Lindsey, of Kentucky, is the guest of Miss Hattie Courtney at 1021 N. Missouri street.

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Rev. George Davis after a pleasant visit with friends during the holidays left Thursday for Lincoln University in Penn.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pettiford, of Franklin, Ind., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Carter Smith.

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Miss Marthia B. Craig, of Versailles, Ky., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Furgerson at 1113 Fayette street returned home Tuesday.

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Hon. J. T. Allen, of Pittsburg, Penn., and first adviser of an organization known as the "T. W. T. H." vz: "The World's Three Hundred," is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Richardson 320, E. Vermont street. His visit here is to establish permanent headquarters for the order he represents.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

Miss Sallie Smith was married to Mr. Denny Smith at the residence of the bride's sister 385 W. 12 street. The wedding was a pretty one and an elaborate supper was served. The Freeman wishes the happy couple a pleasant voyage through life.

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Mrs. Wells of 530 Roanoke street, entertained Christmas. She was assisted by her sisters; Mrs. Kate Weathers and Lizzie Butler. Among the guests were Bell White and Miss Malone of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Laura Davis of Indianapolis.

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A pretty wedding was that of Mr. Robert Locklear and Mrs. Eliza Burley which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Larter 439 W. Michigan street Wednesday evening the 3rd. The bride was prettily gowned in grey with pink while the groom wore the conventional black. Elder Carr officiated.

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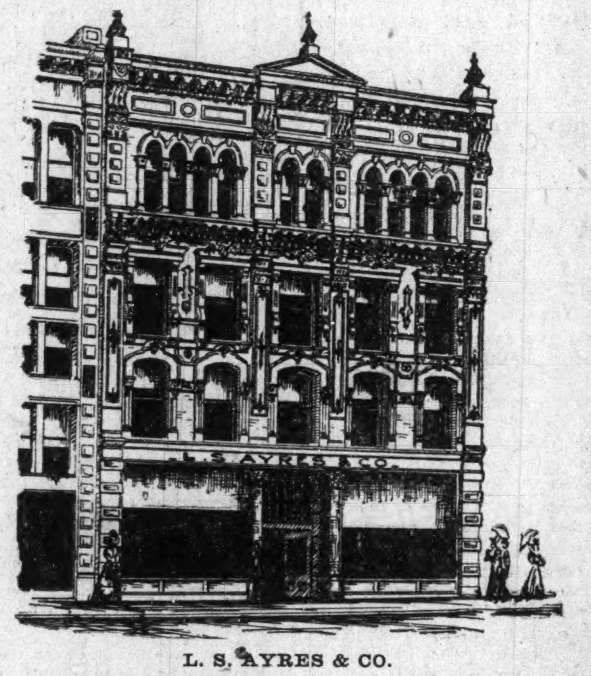

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The Noted Evangelist at Simpson Chapel To-Morrow—Hear Him.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Griffin is in the city preaching at Simpson Chapel. He preached a wonderful sermon subject "The Child Sneezed Seven Times." He will preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m. The theme of his discourse "God Leading his People, Six Thousand Men on Foot." The whole number being three million. Will preach at 8 p. m., subject "Solomon's Temple." Rev. Griffin has taken in and baptized over three thousand converts. Go and here him. Seats are free.

Attorney R. B. Bagby.

Lawyer Robert Bruce Bagby is pleasantly located at No. 633 Lemcke building, opposite the Post Office where he will be pleased to meet his friends. He practices in all the courts. Mr. Bagby is also a Notary Public and draws and executes all kinds of legal documents. Mr. Bagby makes a specialty of all real estate matters including the settlement of estates and all probate cases. His long experience as Deputy County Clerk gave him great familiarity with the court records and enables him to dispose of cases in the most expeditious manner. New Phone 922.

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Applications for License.

NOTICE—The subscriber hereby gives notice to the voters of Perry township, that he will apply to the Board of Commissioners of Marion county, State of Indiana, at the February term, 1900, for a license to sell intoxicating vinous, malt and spiritous liquors in less quantities than five gallons at a time, with the privilege to allow the same to be drank on the premises. My place of business whereon said liquors are to be sold and drank is located in a room fronting west on the Three-Notch road, on the first floor, of a one-story frame building, and situated north of twenty-one (21) acres, south end of west half of the southwest quarter section twenty-five (25), township fifteen (15), range three (3) east, containing nine acres, in Perry township, Marion county, Indiana.

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